

**Remarks/Arguments:**

The Abstract has been objected to and has been appropriately amended. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

The specification has been objected to in view of an informality at pg. 20, line 14. This informality has been corrected. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been objected to in view of an informality at lines 7-8. This informality has been corrected. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 have been objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 (c) for being an improper form of a multiple dependent claim. Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled and replaced by Claims 12 and 13 in which the defect has been corrected. Allowance of Claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

Claims 8 and 9 have been rejected under 35 USC §101 for being directed to non-statutory subject matter. As previously stated, Claims 8 and 9 have been cancelled and replaced by Claims 12 and 13 in which the defect has been corrected. Allowance of Claims 12 and 13 is respectfully requested.

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In view of the amendments set forth above, the above identified application is in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Attachments: Abstract

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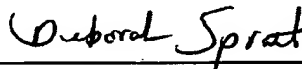
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**ABSTRACT**

A recording and reproduction apparatus has a recording and reproduction control means of controlling recording in and reproduction from a main data recording region of a recording medium which has the main data recording region; a command reception means of receiving both raw access commands and non-raw access commands; and an authentication means of judging whether or not the command issuing origin should be authenticated based on the types of the received commands and of authenticating the command issuing origin according to the judgment result, wherein the recording and reproduction control means decides to carry out the received commands in the case that it is not necessary to authenticate the command issuing origin and in the case that the command issuing origin is authenticated and this authentication has succeeded.